IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 17, with the following paragraph:

If the sentence is taken out, the morphological analyzer 23 obtains word candidates that are possibly included in the sentence in reference to the machine readable dictionary 24 (step S24). In the case of Japanese, since a word boundary is not formally explicated as shown in Figure 7, all the words corresponding to the character substrings that are included in the sentence are obtained as a candidate. If a sentence, for example, "東京都は大都市だ" is taken out, all the character substrings that are included in this sentence become the candidate of a word, as shown in Figure 9.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 37, line 3, with the following paragraph:

Next, a range [mp-d, mp+d] within d words immediately before and immediately after the recorded negative cohesion force equilibrium point mp as the thematic boundary candidate section (step ~~S53~~ S54), and the processes are terminated.